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FOREWORD

This Manual is issued under the authority of DoD Directive 5000.52, "Defense Acquisition Education, Training, and Career Development Program," October 25, 1991, and applicable personnel directives. Its purpose is to provide uniform procedures for a Department of Defense Career Development Program for Acquisition Personnel, consistent with the general policies and authorities stated in DoD Directive 1430.2, "Civilian Career Management," and appropriate component civilian and military personnel regulations. Further, it implements Chapter 87 of title 10, United States Code. DoD 5000.52-M, "Career Development Program for Acquisition Personnel," September 1990 is hereby canceled.

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